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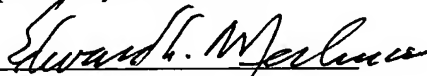
The Examiner's indication that claims 8, 9, 11-15 and 17-19 would be allowable in independent form has been noted with appreciation.

By the foregoing amendments, claims 5 and 14 have been combined so that claim 5 after amendment corresponds to claim 14 in independent form. Claim 7 after the foregoing amendment corresponds to claim 8 in independent form. Appropriate changes to the other claims as a result of these changes have been made.

In light of all of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is now in condition to be allowed and the early issuance of Notice of Allowance is respectfully solicited.

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Respectfully submitted,

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